

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management
Grand Junction Field Office, Colorado
Palisade Watershed Fuels Treatment Phase 2, Cabin Ridge

DOI-BLM-CO-130-2013-003-DNA

A. Purpose and Need:

Background

The Cabin Ridge Fuels Treatment project described in this document is Phase 2 in the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction plan (reviewed in DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0020-EA), and is designed to reduce hazardous fuels accumulations on 226 acres of BLM land the watershed. The Palisade watershed supplies water to approx. 3,000 customers in and around the Town of Palisade. The watershed occupies approx. 14,098 acres on the northwest slopes of the Grand Mesa, stretching from the Colorado River to summit plateau of the Grand Mesa and encompassing the drainages of Cottonwood and Rapid Creeks. The watershed includes 5,147 acres of BLM land and 8,951 acres of private land (see Map 1 – Palisade Watershed).

In 2009 the Town of Palisade completed the Palisade Watershed Fire Mitigation Plan. With this plan the town recognized the need to take a proactive approach to apply vegetation treatments to reduce the adverse impact of catastrophic fire in the watershed, and approached the BLM about becoming partners in some of these treatments. The Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction project is a vegetation treatment project designed to reduce risk from accumulation of hazardous fuels in a way that (a) aids control efforts in the event of a wildfire, (b) reduces the number of acres currently evaluated as Fire Regime Class 2 & 3, (c) reduces the risk to existing watershed values and utility infrastructure from wildfire within the watershed, and (d) improves habitat for wildlife.

This action is being evaluated through a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) because the proposed action and its impacts were analyzed in the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0020-EA), completed March 2012.

Purpose and Need

The Cabin Ridge Fuels Treatment project described in this document is a 226-acre treatment unit located just north of Cabin Reservoir, on the ridge between Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek (see Map 2 - Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction Phase 2: Cabin Ridge). The purpose of the action is to address the hazardous fuels accumulation in this area through a combination of hand thinning, broadcast burning, pile burning, and mechanical treatment (hydro-axe, fecon, or similar). The need for the action is that current fuel loading has the potential to produce intense wildfires that would threaten the water utility infrastructure of the Town of Palisade, as well as increasing debris flows and sedimentation that would negatively affect water quality in the watershed.

B. Proposed Action:

Vegetation Treatment

The vegetation within this unit is pinyon, juniper, mixed mountain shrub, and sage. The vegetation targeted for treatment will be pinyon, juniper, and mixed mountain shrub. Sage will be left intact as much as possible while treating the other species.

This unit will be treated using a mix of hand thinning, broadcast burning, pile burning, and mechanical treatments (fecon or hydro-ax). Exact acres of each treatment type will be dependent on the vegetation thickness, vegetation type, and other factors.

- Mechanical treatment will occur primarily in areas of mixed mountain shrub. Treatment of mixed mountain shrub will occur in 30-70% of areas dominated by mixed mountain shrub. Mixed mountain shrub treatments will be a mosaic with leave islands large enough to provide some cover habitat for wildlife. Stumps mechanically treated will be cut to a height of 12 inches or less. Areas of slope above 35% and/or with rocky soil will not be treated using heavy equipment in order to avoid soil erosion and equipment damage. Heavy equipment will not be used within 50 feet of any active drainage to avoid soil erosion and/or sedimentation and the attendant impacts on water quality. Areas where heavy equipment cannot be used will be hand-treated and/or would remain as leave islands areas.
- Hand thinning will occur primarily in the pinyon and juniper, and will remove 30-70% of pinyon and juniper to increase spacing between 20'-40' thus preventing future crown fires. Slash in these areas will be piled and burned. Burning will occur with snow on the ground. Piles will be no larger than 20 feet wide and 12 feet tall, with the target (average) pile size being 8 feet wide and 6 feet tall. Stumps will be cut to a height of 12 inches or less.
- Areas dominated by sage brush will be left mostly intact. Pinyon and juniper invading the sage will be removed by hand and either piled and burned or lopped and scattered, depending on density of the pinyon and juniper.

Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning will be conducted under guidance of an approved prescribed fire burn plan. Area where residual fuels loads are not adequately reduced may also become broadcast prescribed fire units. This project includes follow up or maintenance prescribed burns that occur after mechanical or hand treatment. These can occur for up to 10 years from when this document is signed. An approved smoke permit issued from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) will also be obtained for prescribed fire activities.

Rights-of-Way Protection

Three rights-of-way associated with utility infrastructure cross the southern end of the project area: COC-29423, COC-055993, and COC-51280 (see Map 3 – Existing Rights-of-Way in Project Area). The BLM will notify the holders of these rights-of-way prior to beginning any surface disturbance and the BLM will obtain agreements to assure that no damage to an existing ROW or authorized facility will occur. See Site Specific Stipulation 2.

Additional Features

The following design features, as described in the existing analysis (Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction EA, Sec. 2.2.1., pg 10), apply to this Proposed Action:

1. Locate, flag, and protect any survey monuments (brass cap monuments, bearing trees, private monuments) that may exist in this project area.
2. Areas to be avoided by equipment to protect other resource values would be flagged prior to project implementation and their location reviewed as part of the pre-work conference with the contractor.
3. To prevent the spread of noxious weeds equipment would be cleaned through established procedures as part of the contract Statement of Work and fire crew SOP's.
4. Fueling and maintenance activities should not be conducted within 100 feet of any drainage or watercourse. All spills of fuel and lubricants should be reported to the BLM and should be cleaned up promptly. Fueling of machinery and storage of fuel would be accomplished through

established procedures as part of the contract Statement of Work if a contractor is used for future treatment.

5. Existing roads and trails would be used by agency and contractor personnel to eliminate development of new routes and trails. When driving off roads, personnel would avoid repeatedly driving back and forth via the same route.
6. To reduce visual impacts avoid cutting or clearing areas along straight lines, using natural vegetation patterns where possible.
7. Schedule project work outside of the dates May 15th and July 15th, which would comply with measures to protect species identified by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act unless surveyed and approved by a biologist. In addition, if work is performed between February 1st and August 15th all trees larger than 20 feet tall would be surveyed by a biologist for potential raptor nesting.
8. Coordinate with the BLM Wildlife Biologist and Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife to best determine timing and operational procedures any possible wildlife issues.
9. For broadcast prescribed fires, no ignition will occur within 100 feet of streams, storage reservoirs and springs to provide vegetative buffers to trap and filter sediments which may otherwise be deposited in drainages or in reservoirs.
10. Avoiding wet and muddy conditions would limit damage to existing roads in the area. Activity on soils will be prohibited when saturation depths reach 3 inches or more.

C. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Grand Junction Resource Area RMP

Date Approved: January 1987

Decision Number/Page:

Wildlife Management: pg. 2-14, Fire Management: pgs. 2-26, 2-32

Decision Language:

Wildlife Management: Actively manage the areas shown in Map 10 and listed in Table 11, placing management emphasis on the key species shown.

Fire Management: Assign levels to areas based upon protection of resource values present, and manage or suppress fires as prescribed by the assigned levels. Manage portions of this emphasis area to improve forage conditions for livestock and wildlife in areas to be burned under prescribed conditions.

LUP Name: Environmental Assessment for the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction

Date Approved: March 2012

Decision Number/Page:

Proposed Action and Alternatives: Sec. 2.2.1., Proposed Action, pgs. 8 & 9

Decision Language:

“The proposed action is to reduce hazardous fuels within the watershed to lessen the risk of catastrophic wildfires occurring.”

“Treatments could occur anywhere within the watershed on BLM land, over the next ten years.”

“Additional treatments within the watershed would require a DNA tiered to this EA.”

D. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Grand Junction Resource Area RMP Environmental Impact Statement, January 1987

Palisade Watershed Fire Mitigation Plan, 2009

Environmental Assessment for the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction, March 2012
(DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0020-EA)

E. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

The current proposed action shares the same goals and uses the same treatment methods as the action analyzed in the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction EA (DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0020-EA). The proposed action also falls within the boundaries of the area analyzed in the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction EA.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

The proposed action has the same environmental concerns, interests, and resource values as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document (DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0020-EA). The purpose and need for the proposed action is essentially similar to the alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document. The Town of Palisade is still very interested in reducing the wildfire risk in their watershed.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

There is relevant information since the existing analysis was completed in March 2012, however the new information does not invalidate the existing analysis. The project area is in close proximity (<1km) to a newly identified wilderness characteristics inventory unit (Grand Junction Field Office Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Update, July 2012). The existing analysis predates this Wilderness Inventory, but the analysis is still valid because the project will not impact wilderness values, since the inventoried area was determined not to have wilderness characteristics in the cited update. See remarks for more detail.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

Yes. The existing NEPA document was written with the expressed intent to analyze future vegetation treatments within the watershed on BLM land (pg. 8). The methodology and scope of analysis in the document reflect that intention, and are appropriate for the proposed action.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

Yes, the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document. The existing NEPA document analyzed impacts from projects similar to the proposed action at a watershed-level scale, with the express intent to facilitate the analysis of future similar projects. The resources and methods used are the same as those referenced in the existing document.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes. The proposed action addresses the same need (hazardous fuel load reduction) as the action analyzed in the existing NEPA document. In addition, the cumulative impacts considered in the existing document analyzed the selected action as a component of a planned, watershed-level fuels treatment project, and explicitly include future actions such as the proposed project.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

The proposed action is consistent with the goals and intent of the existing NEPA document, for which internal and public scoping was held. The goals of the Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction project were developed in concert with the primary stakeholder, the Town of Palisade, and the proposed action is designed to achieve those goals.

F. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Team members conducting or participating in the NEPA analysis and preparation of this worksheet.

NAME	TITLE	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
Alissa Leavitt-Reynolds	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns
Chris Pipkin	Assistant Field Manager Outdoor Recreation Planner	Access, Transportation, Recreation, VRM, Wilderness, ACECs
Scott Clarke	Range Management Specialist	Vegetation, Range
Alan Kraus	Hazardous Materials Specialist	Hazardous Materials
Robin Lacy	Realty Specialist	Land Tenure/Status, Realty Authorizations
John Toolen	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Terrestrial & Aquatic Wildlife
Anna Lincoln	Ecologist	Land Health Assessment, Range Ecology, Special Status Plants
Nate Dieterich	Hydrologist	Soils, Air Quality, Water Quality, Hydrology, Water Rights
Lathan Johnson	Fire Ecologist Natural Resource Specialist	Fire Ecology, Fuels Management
Sparky Taber	Range Management Specialist	Weed Coordinator, Invasive, Non-Native Species

Collin Ewing	NEPA and Environmental Coordinator	Environmental Justice, Prime & Unique Farmlands, Environmental Coordinator
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Table 1– Potentially Impacted Resources

Resources	Not Present On Location	No Impact	Potentially Impacted	Effects sufficiently analyzed/mitigated in previous NEPA document or proposed action?	BLM Evaluator Initial & Date	Comments
PHYSICAL RESOURCES						
Air and Climate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		
Water (surface & subsurface, floodplains)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	N. Dieterich 10-17-12	
Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	N. Dieterich 10-17-12	
Geological/Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	DSG 10/29/12	
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES						
Special Status Plants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	JT 10/11/12	
Special Status Wildlife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	JT 10/15/12	
Migratory Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	JT 10/15/12	
Other Important Wildlife Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	JT 10/15/12	
Vegetation, Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	SC 11/2/12	
Invasive, Non-native Species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	MT 11/13/12	See remarks
Wetlands/Riparian Zones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CARS 10/12/12	
HERITAGE RESOURCES AND HUMAN ENV.						
Cultural or Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	ALR 11/28/12	
Paleontological	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	DSG 10/29/12	
Tribal& American Indian Religious Concerns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	ALR 11/28/12	
Visual Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CPP 10/31/12	
Social/Economic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CE 10/29/12	
Transportation and Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CPP 10/31/12	
Wastes, Hazardous or Solid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	AK	

Table 1– Potentially Impacted Resources

Resources	Not Present On Location	No Impact	Potentially Impacted	Effects sufficiently analyzed/mitigated in previous NEPA document or proposed action?	BLM Evaluator Initial & Date	Comments
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LAND RESOURCES						
Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CPP 10/31/12	See remarks
Special Designations (ACEC, SMAs, WSR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CPP 10/31/12	
Wilderness & Wilderness Characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	CPP 10/31/12	See remarks
Range Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	SC 11/2/12	
Wild Horse and Burros	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		
Land Tenure, ROW, Other Uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	RBL 11/19/12	See remarks
Fire/Fuels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		

Remarks

Invasive, Non-Native Species:

The BLM weed program is coordinating with the fuels program to mitigate weed impacts from the project as they arise. Pre-treatments have occurred on other units of the project as needed and will occur for this site if pre-treatment trips to the unit uncover a weed issue.

Cultural Resources:

A Class III Cultural Resource Survey for the original project area (230 acres) was performed by BLM Colorado permitted archaeological firm, Alpine Archaeology in September of 2012 (BLM GJFO CRIR 8312-03). During that survey, one previously recorded site, a historic homestead (5ME386), two newly recorded prehistoric open lithic sites (5ME18868 and 5ME18869), and 18 isolated finds (5ME18870-5ME18887) were fully recorded. A previous not-to-standard survey in 1978 (BLM GJFO CRIR 7378-01) recorded four sites within the project area that were not refound during the modern survey (5ME1465, 5ME1463, 5ME1462, 5ME390). This could be due to erosion, total collection of the sites (a practice that occurred in the field in the late 1970s) or mismapping of the locations when they were originally recorded. Of the sites, one significant site (5ME386) is located within the proposed project area. A slight modification (from 230 acres to 226 acres) of the project boundaries has been made to exclude the site from the project area and the current proposed action will result in no impacts to significant cultural resources. The attached stipulations will protect any cultural resources unknown to the agency.

Recreation:

Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction EA, Sec. 3.5.2. Proposed Action

“Fuel management operations would directly impact recreationists using the area, especially if those operations took place during big game or mountain lion hunting seasons, or during the permitted

mountain bike race. Activity from the fuels operations would temporarily displace wildlife from the immediate project area and would likely reduce hunter success.

The proposed action would likely have an indirect benefit to hunters by improving wildlife habitat and, consequently, hunting opportunities. By reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire, the proposed project would enhance long-term recreation opportunities.”

Wilderness & Wilderness Characteristics:

The project area is in close proximity to Wilderness Character Inventory Unit #29, “The Blowout”, newly identified as a >5000 acre roadless area in the Grand Junction Field Office Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Update, July 2012. The eastern border of Unit #29 is Cottonwood Creek Road, which is within 800 linear meters of the boundaries of the project area.

The existing analysis predated this Wilderness Inventory, but the analysis is still valid because the project will not impact wilderness values, since Unit #29 was determined not to have wilderness character. This determination was made due to multiple large plots of vegetation manipulation and a large system of power lines within the Unit. In addition, although the project site is nearby, it is outside the boundaries of Unit #29, and over 600 feet above the boundary line. It is unlikely that the visual impacts of the project would be visible from Unit #29, and the appearance of the project would be similar to existing impacts from vegetation treatments within Unit #29 that were responsible for its rejection from consideration for wilderness designation.

Land Tenure and ROW:

Realty authorizations within the project area include:

- COC-29423 – power transmission line and access road right-of-way in Section 18, Public Service Co.
- COC-055993 – power transmission line right-of-way in Section 18, Public Service Co.
- COC-51280 – gas pipeline right-of-way in Section 18, TransColorado Gas Co.

Right-of-way facilities should be located and avoided during treatment. Stipulations have been appended to this DNA to address this concern

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Collin Ewing

DATE: 12/11/2012

Conclusion

X Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM’s compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



for Grand Junction Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 12/21/12

The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

SITE SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS:

List all COAs, stipulations, mitigation measures

1. Heritage Resources - Cultural and Paleontological. All persons in the area who are associated with this project shall be informed that any person who, without a permit, injures, destroys, excavates, appropriates or removes any vertebrate fossil, historic or prehistoric ruin, artifact, object of antiquity, Native American remains, Native American cultural item, or archaeological resources on public lands is subject to arrest and penalty of law (16 USC 433, 16 USC 470, 18 USC 641, 18 USC 1170, and 18 USC 1361). Any heritage resource discovered requires that work in the area must stop and the BLM Authorized Officer notified. Strict adherence to the confidentiality of information concerning the nature and location of archeological resources would be required of the proponent and all of their subcontractors (Archaeological Resource Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 470hh)

Inadvertent Discovery:

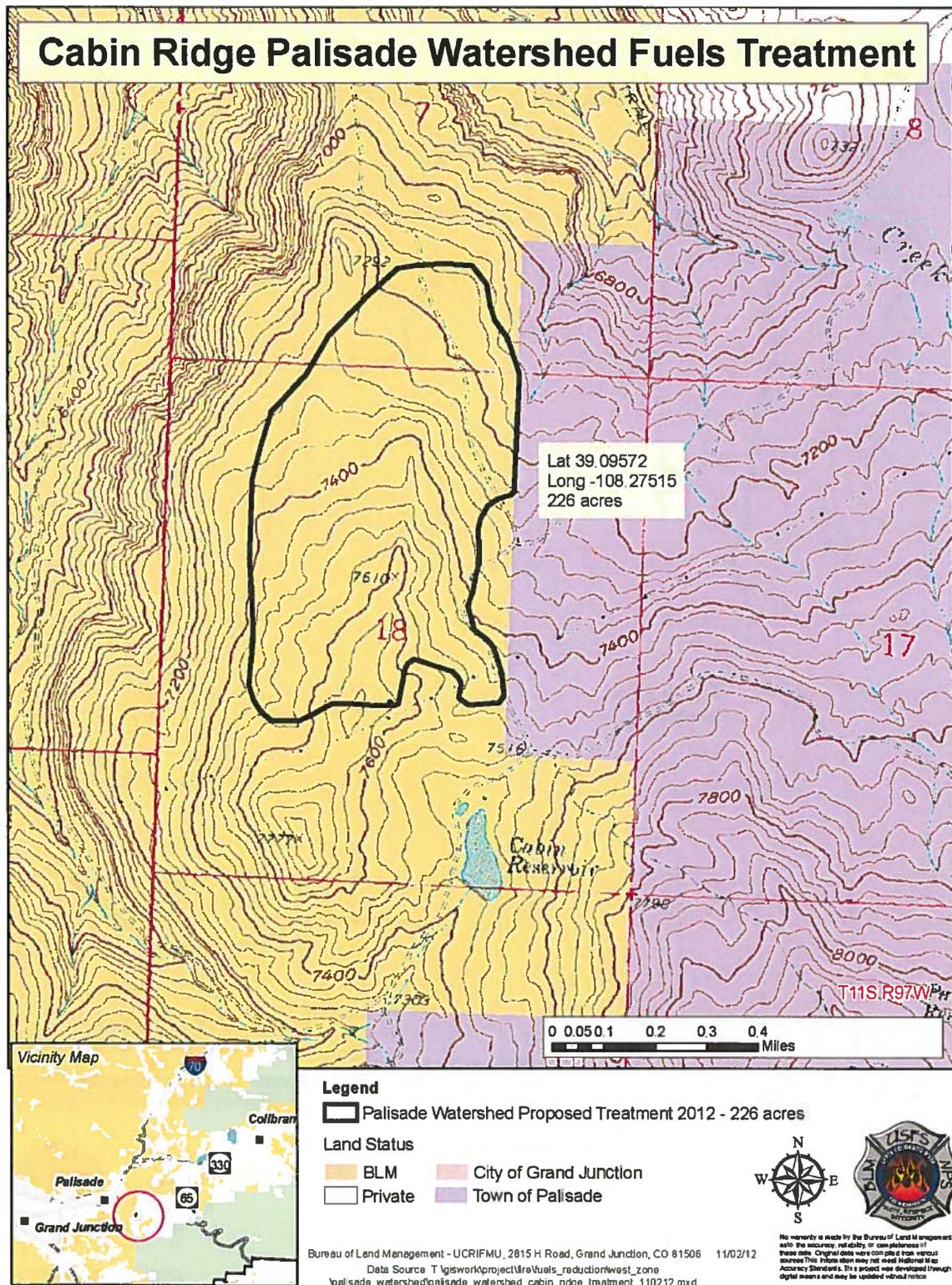
a) The **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)** [16 USC 470s., 36 CFR §800.13], as amended, requires that if newly discovered historic or archaeological materials or other cultural resources are identified during the Proposed Action implementation, work in that area must stop and the BLM Authorized Officer (AO) must be notified immediately. Within five working days the AO will determine the actions that will likely have to be completed before the site can be used, assuming in place preservation is not necessary §800.13(b)(3).

b) The **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)** [25 USC 3001 et seq., 43 CFR 10.4] requires that if inadvertent discovery of Native American Human Remains or Objects of Cultural Patrimony occurs, any activity must cease in the area of discovery, a reasonable effort made to protect the item(s) discovered, and immediate notice be made to the BLM Authorized Officer, as well as the appropriate Native American group(s) (IV.C.2). Notice may be followed by a 30-day delay (NAGPRA §3(d)).

c) The **Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (PRPA)** [16 U.S.C. 470aaa] requires the proponent to immediately suspend activities in the vicinity, protect the discovery from damage and notify the BLM Authorized Officer of any paleontological resources discovered as a result of operations under this authorization. The Authorized Officer will evaluate, or will have evaluated, such discoveries as soon as possible, but not later than 10 working days after being notified. Appropriate measures to mitigate adverse effects to significant paleontological resources will be determined by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the operator. Within 10 days, the operator will be allowed to continue construction through the site, or will be given the choice of either (1) following the Authorized Officer's instructions for stabilizing the fossil resource in place and avoiding further disturbance to the fossil resource, or (2) following the Authorized Officer's instructions for mitigating impacts to the fossil resource prior to continuing construction through the project area.

- d) If human remains are discovered on private or state land associated with this authorization, the BLM will notify the State of Colorado Archaeologist immediately, who will comply with Colorado Revised Statutes (Appendix) regarding the discovery of human remains (24-80-1302).
2. The BLM shall notify all existing right-of-way holders in the project area prior to beginning any surface disturbance. The BLM shall obtain an agreement with any existing ROW holders or other parties with authorized facilities within the project area to assure that no damage to an existing ROW or authorized facility will occur. The agreement(s) shall be obtained prior to beginning any surface disturbance near the ROW or existing facility.

Map 2 – Palisade Watershed Fuels Reduction Phase 2: Cabin Ridge



Map 3 – Existing Rights-of-Way in Project Area

